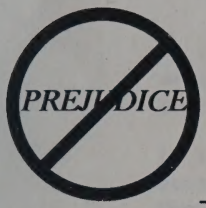

The Just Vote No! Campaign

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Dear Doug and Amy:

I certainly enjoyed meeting you and attending the last meeting at your house. It's good to know there are people like you in Colorado Springs doing the things you are, which we believe will ultimately be to the benefit of everyone.

I'm enclosing a copy of our "position paper" which will help you understand the focus of our Just Vote No! group.

As you can see, we are interested specifically in working against the acceptance of Amendment #2. Our total goal seems to be only one of your many goals. While we may eventually take different roads toward this one common goal, I'm hopeful we will remain in close contact with each other and work together where ever possible. Our input to your group can necessarily be regarding this one issue only, although you are welcome to use whatever information we have on the issue for the same reason, or apply it to your other issues as you see fit.

I only ask, however, that you keep our confidential information confidential. This position paper is one of those pieces of information. We've already experienced another group plagiarizing this paper. They published it verbatim, attached their name as author, and have been distributing it. We feel this only provides a clearer target for attacks from the CFV organization, something we hoped to avoid.

Regarding the amendment issue, the authors of it are members of the Colorado for Family Values group. In public this group is separate from Focus on the Family. The only connection is that one of the CFV directors works at Focus on the Family. Because the proposed amendment is an assault on the civil rights of gays and lesbians, we are responding to the assault as it comes from the CFV group; we are being careful not to mention Focus on the Family in anything we do. We do not want to be accused of clouding an issue, or having our facts wrong, in public.

We are, however, considering bumper stickers that say, "Focus On Your OWN Family."

If it's OK with you, we'll do the following. There are lots of people we know who want to do something, but are fearful of losing their jobs (and more) if they associate with our group. I would like to refer these people to your group. This will allow these people to do something meaningful and helpful, but without associating themselves with a gay & lesbian group. Fighting injustice in general is more socially acceptable than fighting anti gay discrimination. Your group will have this appeal for them.

I also think it's a good idea for us to have one of our members (Norma, Robin or me) attend all of your meetings to make sure we continue sharing necessary information. For example, I'm sure you will be interested in our future progress in talking to local business and government leaders, most of whom we perceive as conservative and Republican.

Good luck to you!

Sincerely,

Greg Vanner